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SUBJECT: CANADIAN ENERGY MINISTER VISITS CARACAS

1. ENERGY MINISTER DONALD MACDONALD ARRIVED JANUARY 6 FOR ONE WEEK VISIT TO DISCUSS PETROLEUM PRICES AND SUPPLIES. THIS IS SECOND VISIT WITHIN TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD FOR CANADIAN OFFICIAL, BUT FIRST SINCE PEREZ ADMINISTRATION ASSUMED OFFICE. CARACAS DAILY JOURNAL ARTICLE OF JANUARY 6 INDICATES CANADIAN INTEREST IN PROPOSED NEW VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM TAXES AND POINTS OUT 60PCT OF ALL CANADIAN PETROLEUM IMPORTS COME FROM VENEZUELA. THUS CANADIAN INTEREST IN AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL EXTRA OIL COSTS AND CONTINUED INTEREST IN ENSURING SOURCE OF SUPPLY. CANADIANS MAY ALSO DISCUSS STATE OIL COMPANY TRADING. DAILY JOURNAL ARTICLE STATES MINISTER MACDONALD PLANS TO PRESENT TO CANADIAN PARLIAMENT THIS SPRING BILL TO PROVIDE FOR CREATION OF NATIONAL PETROLEUM COMPANY, BILL WOULD REPORTEDLY AUTHORIZE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT TO BUY PETROLEUM DIRECTLY FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY, BY-PASSING PRIVATE COMPANIES.

2. IN SEPARATE FRONT PAGE ARTICLE IN NACIONAL OF JANUARY 7,
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MINISTER OF MINES VALENTIN HERNANDEZ REPORTEDLY STATED

VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE MACDONALD VISIT IN VIEW OF FACT THAT CANADA ABSORBS 13PCT OF VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM EXPORTS. A WORKING MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO MINISTERS IS PLANNED FOR JANUARY 10. IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AT BEDSIDE OF VENEZUELAN MINISTER, WHO IS CONFINED TO HIS BED BECAUSE OF RECENT TRAFFIC ACCIDENT RESULTING IN SEVERE LEG INJURY.

3. CANADIAN MINISTER'S TRIP APPARENTLY WAS ARRANGED ON SHORT NOTICE AND INDIRECT ATTEMPTS TO ELICIT MORE DETAILED INFORMATION HAVE NOT BEEN PRODUCTIVE.
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